

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENT

Support for the amendment to claim 2 is found in claim 1 as originally presented. No new matter would be added to the application by entry of this amendment. Upon entry of this amendment Claims 1-14 will remain active in the application.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

The present invention is directed to a polymer composite particle.

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Le for indicating that claim 1 is allowed and that claims 3-7 and 9-14 would be allowable if rewritten to be dependent on claim 1.

Applicants have now amended claim 2 to recite all the limitations of allowed claim 1. Since claim 1 has been indicated as allowed, claim 2 which depends therefrom should also be indicated as allowable.

The rejection of claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph is respectfully traversed.

Applicants respectfully submit that claim 8, which is dependent on allowed claim 1, recites in the last line the phrase “of all the monomers”. Claim 1, line 8 also uses the phrase “of all the monomers” and accordingly proper antecedent basis for the term “monomers” as used in claim 8, appears in claim 1.

As to the rejection of claims 3-5 and 8, since claim 2 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 1, which uses the term “vinyl monomer” the metes and bounds of these claims are believed to be clear to those of ordinary skill in the art.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph is respectfully requested.

The rejection of claims 2, 6, 7 and 10-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Fukui et al. is believed to be moot as these claims have been amended to only be dependent on claim 1.

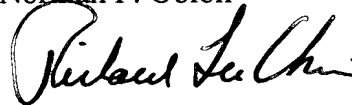
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Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of claims 2, 6, 7 and 10-12 in one or more continuation applications, as applicants have amended the claim dependency without prejudice to pursuit of the originally claimed subject matter.

Applicants submit that this application is now in condition for allowance and early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

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